Docket No.: ED-2013-ICCD-0115

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Student Assistance General Provisions - Subpart E -- Verification Student Aid Application Information

AGENCY: Department of Education (ED), Federal Student Aid (FSA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 *et seq.*), ED is proposing; an extension of an existing information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before [insert the 60th day after publication of this notice].

ADDRESSES: Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov by selecting Docket ID number ED-2013-ICCD-0115 via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or e-mail and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, LBJ, Room 2E103, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions related to collection activities or burden, please call Kate Mullan, 202-401-0563 or electronically mail ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please do not send comments here.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Student Assistance General Provisions - Subpart E -- Verification Student Aid

Application Information

OMB Control Number: 1845-0041

Type of Review: An extension of an existing information collection.

Respondents / Affected Public: Private Sector, State, Local, or Tribal Governments, Individuals or

households

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 32,555,838

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 3,938,676

Abstract: This request is for an extension of the information collection supporting the policies and reporting

requirements contained in Subpart E of Part 668 Verification and Updating of Student Aid Application

Information. Sections 668.53, 668.54, 668.55, 668.56, 668.57, 668.59 and 668.61 contain information

collection requirements (OMB control number 1845-0041). This subpart governs the verification and

updating of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) used to calculate an applicants Expected

Family Contribution (EFC) for purposes of determining an applicants need for student financial assistance under Title IV of Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA). The collection of this documentation

helps ensure that students (and parents in the case of PLUS loans) receive the correct amount of Title IV

program assistance by providing accurate information to calculate applicants expected family contribution.

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